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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2000 (Paper No. 9), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for one month to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Also submitted herewith is a Response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, and a sequence listing both in paper and in computer-readable form.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

IN THE FIGURES

Please amend the figures as follows:

Please replace FIGURE 1 with the enclosed revised FIGURES 1A and 1B.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows: